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How to Design and Market Vocational Training Programs

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Purpose

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A major challenge facing vocational educators in the economic development arena is their ability to successfully design and market training programs to meet the needs of commerce and industry. To help in achieving this goal a series of videotapes with accompanying print material has been prepared for use by secondary, post-secondary, and adult educators. The instructional content for the training material is based on research that was conducted to determine the needs of educators in designing and marketing vocational training programs to serve business and industry. Throughout the two year project presentations by nationally known specialists were videotaped to audiences consisting of Directors of Business Assistance Centers and Directors of Vocational Education in actual training settings.

Materials

A total of 21 color videotapes in either a 3/4" or VHS format has been prepared. Each instructional audio-visual component has been timed and coded to facilitate planning and utilization. The videotapes and accompanying print materials include the following major topics:

- 1. The Economic Development Opportunity
 - a. A Plan for Economic Development as Perceived by(Tape Number 20—48 minutes)
 - b. Economic Development and Employment Training—State of Illinois Priorities (Tape Number 21—57 minutes)
- 2. Role of Vocational Education in Job Creation and Increasing Productivity (Tape Numbers 1-2—2 hours)
- 3. Developing the Marketing Plan (Tape Numbers 3-6—3½ hours)
- Utilizing Labor Market Data and Occupational Information (Tape Numbers 7-9—2½ hours)
- Developing a Training Information Clearinghouse and Designing Customized Training (Tape Numbers 10–13—83 minutes)

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- 6. How to Recruit, Train and Evaluate Staff (Tape Numbers 12-14—93 minutes)
- Selling Training Programs to Commerce and Industry (Tape Numbers 15-16—101 minutes)
- 8. The Funding of Training Programs Through HITS and ITP—A Coordinated State of Illinois Effort (Tape Numbers 16-17—62 minutes)
- Overview of Sources to Assist Commerce and Industry in the State of Illinois in Securing Financial Assistance (Tape Numbers 17-19—109 minutes)

The length of training can range from 10 to over 20 hours depending upon the experience of participants and the objectives of the training.

Availability

The videotapes and accompanying print material will be available after August 1, 1984 on a loan basis through:

Illinois Vocational Curriculum Center Sangamon State University (800) 252-4822 (toll free within Illinois)

Also available are the following two slide tape presentations to assist in supplementing the videotapes:

"Education for Employment—Planning for Economic Development: A Strategic Approach"

"The Economic Development Challenge"

Target Audiences

Key Groups:

- Vocational Educators (secondary and post-secondary)
- Directors and Staff of Business Assistance Centers and U.S. Small Business Administration, Small Business Development Centers
- Economic Development Specialists
- Community Organizations

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